

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

1-82. (Cancelled)

83. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a media service to a user via an interactive media services client coupled to a programmable media services server device, the method comprising:

receiving, by the interactive media services client, a movie identification identifying an on-demand movie without a scheduled broadcast time;

assigning an access duration having a first value to the movie, responsive to receiving the movie identification, the access duration associated with the interactive media services client;
~~during the access duration,~~

receiving, by the interactive media services client during the access duration, at least a portion of the on-demand movie from a server located remotely from the interactive media services client;

receiving, by the interactive media services client during the access duration, a first user input enabling the user to extend the access duration from the first value to a second value, based upon a third value specified by the user; and

enabling, by the interactive media services client, the user to access the on-demand movie during the extended access duration, responsive to receiving the first user input.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising the step of:
providing the user with pricing information related to the extended access duration.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing, by the interactive media services client, the user with a selectable option, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and

receiving by the interactive media services client a user input corresponding to the selectable option.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing, by the interactive media services client, the user with a selectable option during the first access duration, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and

receiving by the interactive media services client the first user input corresponding to the selectable option.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing, by the interactive media services client, the user with a plurality of selectable options, each of the selectable options being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value according to the corresponding value of a selected option from the plurality of options, the plurality of selectable options including one corresponding to the third value; and

receiving by the interactive media services client the first user input corresponding to the one of the selectable options corresponding to the third value.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing, by the interactive media services client, the user with a plurality of selectable options during the first access duration, each of the selectable options being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and

receiving by the interactive media services client the first user input corresponding to the one of the selectable options.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 88, further comprising:

prior to the step of receiving the first user input corresponding to one of the selectable options, providing the user with information indicating an amount of playing time corresponding to a remainder of the on-demand movie, the remainder being calculated from a current interruption point in the on-demand movie video presentation.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 88, further comprising:

providing the user with information identifying a plurality of prices, wherein each of the plurality of prices corresponds to a respective one of the plurality of selectable options.

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

charging the user a first price in connection with the access duration; and

charging the user a second price in connection with the extended access duration, wherein the first price is different from the second price.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising the step of:

prior to the step of receiving the first user input, providing the user with information indicating that there is insufficient time remaining in the access duration to enable the user to view a remainder of the on-demand movie.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

prior to the step of receiving the first user input, providing the user with information indicating an amount of time remaining in the access duration.

94. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

outputting, by the interactive media services client, during the access duration said at least a portion of the movie to a television coupled to the interactive media services client;

interrupting, by the interactive media services client, the output of the on-demand movie during the access duration, responsive to a second user input, wherein the interruption occurs at a current location;

resuming the output of the on-demand movie at the current location, by the interactive media services client [[STT]], during the access duration, responsive to a third user input; and

receiving, by the interactive media services client, during a period between interrupt and the resume, the first user input enabling the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second.

95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

during the extended access duration:

outputting, by the interactive media services client, at least a second portion of the on-demand movie to a television coupled to the interactive media services client.

96. (Currently Amended) A television set-top terminal (STT) configured to provide video content via a television, the STT comprising:

at least one memory having stored thereon program code; and

at least one processor that is programmed by at least the program code to enable the STT to:

receive a movie identification identifying an on-demand movie and an access duration having a first value, the access duration associated with the interactive media services client, the on-demand movie being without a scheduled broadcast time;

~~during the access duration,~~

receive, during the access duration, at least a portion of the on-demand movie from a server located remotely from the STT;

receive, during the access duration, a first user input enabling the user to extend the access duration from the first value to a second value, based upon a third value specified by the user; and

enable the user to access the movie during the extended access duration, responsive to receiving the first user input.

97. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with pricing information related to the extended access duration.

98. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with a selectable option, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and
receive a first user input corresponding to the selectable option.

99. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with a selectable option during the first access duration, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and
receive the first user input corresponding to the selectable option.

100. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with a plurality of selectable options, each of the selectable options being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value according to the corresponding value of a selected option from the plurality of options, the plurality of selectable options including one corresponding to the third value; and
receive the first user input corresponding to the one of the selectable options corresponding to the third value.

101. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with a plurality of selectable options during the first access duration, each of the selectable options being configured to enable the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second value; and

receive the first user input corresponding to the one of the selectable options.

102. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 101, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

prior to the receiving the first user input corresponding to one of the selectable options, provide the user with information indicating an amount of playing time corresponding to a remainder of the on-demand movie, the remainder being calculated from a current interruption point in the on-demand movie video presentation.

103. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

provide the user with information identifying a plurality of prices, wherein each of the plurality of prices corresponds to a respective one of the plurality of selectable options.

104. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

prior to receiving the first user input, provide the user with information indicating that there is insufficient time remaining in the access duration to enable the user to view a remainder of the on-demand movie.

105. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

prior to receiving the first user input, provide the user with information indicating an amount of time remaining in the access duration.

106. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

output, during the access duration, the at least a portion of the on-demand movie to the television;

interrupt the output of the on-demand movie, during the access duration, responsive to a second user input, wherein the interruption occurs at a current location;

resume the output of the on-demand movie at the current location, during the access duration, responsive to a third user input; and

receive, during a period between interrupt and the resume, the first user input enabling the user to extend the access duration from the first value to the second.

107. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT to:

output, during the extended access duration said at least a portion of the movie to a television coupled to the interactive media services client.

108. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising the step of:
granting the interactive media services client access to the movie until the access duration has expired.

109. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising the step of:

granting the interactive media services client access to the movie during the whole of the
access duration.

110. (New) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further
programmed to enable the STT to:

grant the interactive media services client access to the movie until the access duration
has expired.

111. (New) The STT of claim 96, wherein the at least one processor is further
programmed to enable the STT to:

grant the interactive media services client access to the movie during the whole of the
access duration.